



Smoke-free school policy

This policy is linked to :

- The health and safety policy
- The Drugs education policy
- The behaviour policy

1.0 Introduction

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This Policy is the smoke free school policy of Burtonwood Community Primary School. It works alongside the Drugs policy and the health and safety policy. It forms part of the schools Every Child Matters curriculum. It is reflected in the school's mission statement - 'One team, One goal, Excellence'. It is also part of our school's vision where we respect and support each other in a warm and welcoming community.

2.0 Aim

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To create a 'Smoke-Free' school.

3.0 Objectives

The objectives of the policy are :

- To provide a smoke-free school environment for everyone.
- To provide children and young people with a consistent message regarding tobacco and its impact on health.
- To provide assistance for those who smoke.

4.0 Rationale

- Contributes towards the National Healthy School Standard (DfES 2005).

- The Government's White Paper 'Choosing health - making healthy choices' identifies plans to place restrictions on smoking in the workplace.
- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in the UK.
- Second hand smoke - 'breathing other people's tobacco smoke' causes at least 1000 people to die a year. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, heart disease and cause the onset of asthma, chest and ear infections and cot death in children. It also leads to over 50 children being admitted to hospital per day. 80% of smokers take up the habit as teenagers with 450 children starting smoking every day. (ASH)
- Everyone has the right to a smoke-free environment.
- The Policy on no-smoking at school forms part of the school's Health and Safety Policy arrangements.
- Smoke-Free Policies in schools provide a positive role model for children and contribute to the development of a health promoting school.
- Young people need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school. It has been shown that the biggest factor affecting youth smoking is the prevalence of adult smoking and young people's exposure to seeing smoking (ASH 2004)
- A Smoke-Free Policy will help to reinforce rather than contradict the school's health education programme.

5.0 Smoke-Free School Premises

Smoking will NOT be permitted in any part of the school's premises, including kitchens, within the entrance area to the school or on land adjacent to the school building (car park, garden areas, walkway, playgrounds, playing fields etc) where this forms part of the school premises. This policy will apply equally to future premises at the design stage of any new building and refurbishment or relocation project.

There will be NO designated smoking areas provided within the school premises.

This policy applies to employees, parents, visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the school's premises or vehicles.

This Policy will be clearly advertised and visitors to the school will be informed of it.

The school's disciplinary procedure will apply for dealing with staff and pupils who do not comply with the smoking ban at school.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the Policy to adhere to the smoke-free status.

The Smoke-Free Policy will apply to all activities held in the school including before and after school sessions and any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meetings/events.

6.0 Vehicles

The smoking ban will apply to all school owned/hired/leased vehicles. No one will be allowed to smoke inside any school owned/hired/leased vehicles.

Staff are asked to refrain from smoking in their own vehicles, when carrying passengers on school business.

7.0 Assistance for those who smoke

- We recognise the importance of being smoke-free and therefore adhere to the principle that second hand smoke is damaging to health. In addition, we also stand by the notion that smoking is an addictive behaviour. We pledge that we are willing to be very supportive to anyone who wishes to give up smoking by offering stop-smoking information to anyone who is interested.

Warrington Stop Smoking service can be contacted on 01925 843713.

8.0 Education and Publicity

Suitable posters and No Smoking signs will be displayed in school areas to create a positive visual message which supports a smoke-free working environment.

Tobacco education will form part of the PSHE and science programme, where consistent messages will be provided to pupils about the damaging effects of smoking on health. Also linked to the Drug Education Policy following DFES Guidance 2004.

9.0 Appointments

This school is a No Smoking school and this should be made clear within all its appointments procedures, staff handbooks and school prospectus.

10.0 Working with parents and Governors

The school recognises the importance of working with parents and governors to deliver the Smoke Free Policy.

It will communicate the benefits for pupils of having a smoke-free school environment.

Parents and governors will be asked to support this message and adhere to the smoking ban on school premises at all times.

In addition parents and governors can access smoking cessation help lines via the school.

11.0 Working with pupils

We have consulted with our children about their views on having a smoke free school environment via the school council.

Our discussion shows that children are in favour of a smoke free policy within our school.

12.0 Monitoring

The Policy will be monitored by management to ensure that it is running effectively. Any problems or queries relating to the policy can be put to management through a staff representative.

13.0 Health and Well-being

The Smoke-Free Schools Policy is part of the wider Warrington Borough Council and Primary Care Trust approach towards smoking cessation and positive health and well-being.